Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Gertrude (Gertie) Hahler, and we are richer because Gertie lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Gertie was born October 30, 1917, in Venturia, North Dakota, to Christian and Beata Joachim, was raised in Agar, South Dakota, graduated from Agar High School in 1935, attended Northern Normal in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she received a teaching certificate, and taught in rural schools for six years; and,

Whereas, Gertie married William Henry Hahler on July 26, 1942, they resided on a farm near Wecota, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Gertie is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, taught Sunday school, was a 4-H leader, and she enjoys gardening, sewing, quilting, crocheting, embroidery, reading, and doing crossword puzzles; and,

Whereas, Gertie resides in Redfield, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on October 29, 2017, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2017, as

GERTIE HAHLER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State